1985. Revival Plants of ECL and BCCL were submitted to the BIFR. While the revival plan of ECL has been finalized by the BIFR, the revival plan of BCCL is yet to be finalized by them. The revival plan of ECL among other things, seeks to augment underground and opencast production, outsourcing of 17 small Open Cast patches, waiver of unsecured loan of Rs. 519 crores, conversasion of current account balance of Rs. 1532 crores into equity by CIL with back to back support from Government of India. The revival plan of BCCL *inter-alia* seeks to augment production through implementation of some quick yielding Open Cast projects, replacement of old equipment, modernization of under ground mines and implementation of at least one Mega Project. In case of ECL the estimated capital investment to achieve the targeted production of coal as mentioned in the Revival Plan is Rs. 2956.83 crores during the period from 2003-04 to 2012-13. The company will earn a profit before tax of Rs. 330 crores at the end of 2008-09 and will have a positive net-worth at Rs. 27.84 crores in 2008-09. In case of BCCL an aggregate financial support of Rs. 5805 crores is envisaged. The net-worth of the company will be positive by Rs. 33 crores at the end of the year 2010-11. While substantial portion of the funding as envisaged in the revival plan will be done by Coal India Limited the remaining balance is sought to be provided as back-to-back support by Government of India to CIL.

(c) The production targets of ECL after revival of the company as envisaged in the revival plan are 39.85 million tones in 2009-10 and 41.70 million tonnes in 2012-13 whereas the production target of BCCL after revival of the company is 38.6 millin tonnes.

Expert committee for coal industry

615. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an eight member expert committee for recommending a road map for the coal sector and restructuring of CIL;

(b) if so, the details of the terms of reference thereof; and

(c) by when the committee would submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have set up a

seven member Expert Committee. The terms of reference of the Export Committee are as under:—

(i) Measures for meeting the demand-supply gap in coal in the short, medium and long-term.

(ii) Measures to improve productivity of man and machinery in Indian Coal Sector, particularly in Coal India.

(iii) Introduction of cutting edge technology.

(iv) Measures to convert Central Mines Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) into a Centre of Excellence for Planning and Research in coal sector.

(v) Restructuring of CIL to make it a World class company.

(vi) Other matters that the committee may consider important for the general improvement in the functioning of the Coal Sector.

(vii) Examining the merits of opening up trading in coal.

(viii) Examining the current policy of captive coal mining and considering recommendations which might reduce the demand-supply gap.

(ix) Examining the recommendations suggested by M/s KPMG Consultancy Pvt. Ltd.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its first report by the middle of April, 2005.

Fire in coal mines

†616. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire in the coal mines of Dhanbad (Bihar) has not been extinguished for many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such other mines in the country alongwith approximate quantity of coal getting destroyed every year; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) As reported by Coal India Limited, prior to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.